

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, immediately following the heading "1. Cross-Reference to Related Applications", replace the entire text appearing on lines 3-22 with the following:

--This application claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/181,459, filed February 10, 2000 and entitled "Process for Facilitating the Conception of Inventions in a Directed Manner," U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/181,816, filed February 11, 2000 and entitled "Web-Based Process for Facilitating the Conception of Inventions in a Directed Manner," U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/181,741, filed February 11, 2000 and entitled "Invention Interview Process," and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/181,825, filed February 11, 2000 and entitled "Automated IP Process for Tracking IP Matters," each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

This application is filed on the same day as the following related applications, each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/781,365, entitled "System and Method for Facilitating the Conception of Inventions in a Directed Manner," U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/781,368, entitled "Network Based System and Method For Facilitating the Conception of Inventions in a Directed Manner," and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/781,361, entitled "Invention Interview Process."

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/766,456, filed on January 19, 2001 and entitled "Scanning Invention Process," which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

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